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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, mostly lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, mostly slow to fair. Supplies were adequate to ample and at times discounted to aid in movement. In the parts structure, breast items remained heavily supplied and were a burden to clear even with discounts available. Dark meat items were sufficient to fully adequate, and wings were seasonally tight to close balanced with high interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/25-09/29/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
		(Includes branded product)			
		WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG	AVG		
Bos/New Eng	50.00-51.00	50.97	16	55.79	35
Chicago	47.00-51.50	51.10	46	54.23	81
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	60.51	34
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.92	13
Denver	66.50	66.43	17	65.83	31
Detroit	47.00-50.00	50.36	14	57.25	49
Los Angeles	67.00	65.78	59	60.55	181
New York	49.00-52.00	50.63	32	54.87	63
Philadelphia	48.00-51.00	49.30	10	50.70	22
Pittsburgh	49.00-52.00	49.75	12	56.18	61
St. Louis	50.50-50.75	50.08	18	53.86	45
San Francisco	67.50	66.57	29	67.81	56

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	09/25/00	Change/Last Wk	09/18/00	09/27/99
671	57.72	-1.44	59.16	54.46

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.00-60.00	59.13	37
Central	53.00-59.00	57.71	61
West	52.00-61.00	60.65	52

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.50-63.00	62.11	78
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,138	48.00-63.75	60.33

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	161.00	4,400
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50	1,660
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.00	778
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	8,957
WINGS	66.50	3,000

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SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light to fair with limited trading following the weekend. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings continued tight with good movement, and dark meat was in balance with fair demand. Breast items were more than adequate and discounted to help improve the nonexistent interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to no better than moderate. Offerings of the heavier weight sizes were fully adequate and often slow to clear. The lighter birds were generally adequate with 2.5 pound sizes imparticular in the better balanced position. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair. The market tone was barely steady on the larger sizes, about steady on the balance. In the parts complex, breast items remained burdensome, and dark meat items were usually available. Seasonal buyer interest continued to center around wings keeping product closely balanced to tight at times.

WESTERN REGION Final majority prices unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations at mainly lower prices. Offerings ample for full trade needs. Discount levels sharper than previous weeks. Buyers interest in other than regular commitments slow to develop. Retail demand was moderate overall best where features planned. Reported trading on parts for west coast delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-35, bone-in breasts 80-85 and boneless breasts 127-160. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 54.68 down 4.67 with the volume reported unchanged at 28 loads.

MIDWEST REGION Final majority prices on deliveries this week into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit decreased with Ohio too few to report from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Offerings adequate or available. Retail demand seasonally slow. Food service demand slow to moderate, mostly fair. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading limited overall with wings and tenders active and well cleared. Supplies short on wings, all other items adequate to fully adequate with breast items offered at discounts. Trade sentiment was firm on wings, weak on breasts and about steady on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds on the lighter weight sizes was about moderate and was sufficient in keeping offerings cleared satisfactorily. Heavier weight sizes were readily available and remained slow in clearing. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, wings continued to clear well. Breast cuts were in heavy supply and buyers showed little interest in booking additional supplies. Leg items were fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	45-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.34
NO. OF BOXES	9,716

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was quiet entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed market developments. Offerings of breast items remained ample and were available at discounted levels. Wings were the best item with good seasonal demand keeping product closely balanced to occasionally tight. The balance of items were generally adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items, fully steady on wings, no better than steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	147.66	612,280
TENDERLOINS	180-185	213.16	145,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	72.30	329,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	66.91	157,880
LEGS	35-36	39.81	206,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	27.91	378,356
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.57	149,750
THIGHS	27-28	32.03	209,480
B/S THIGHS	77-78	83.25	37,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	75.51	296,390
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	87,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.42	79,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.93	84,360
INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).			

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	869	125.00-172.00	130-135	133.81
TENDERLOINS	412	215.00-255.00	-	230.26
BREAST - WITH RIBS	200	60.00-68.00	-	63.60
FRONT HALVES	600	65.00-81.00	68-72	68.74
LEGS	120	31.00-34.00	-	32.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	930	24.00-27.00	25-26	25.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,030	27.50-28.00	27.5	27.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	131	56.00-66.00	63-66	63.63
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,183	25.00-27.00	26-27	26.76

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/25	09/21	09/21	09/18	09/14
ALA	4,008	3,914	4.97	3,935	4.98
ARK	4,986	5,141	4.76	5,177	4.75
DELMARVA	2,400	2,397	5.05	2,362	5.03
KY-LA-TN	1,867	1,867	4.31	1,908	4.25
MISS	2,703	2,785	5.17	2,730	4.95
NC	2,616	2,577	5.72	2,648	5.75
TEXAS	2,283	2,265	4.55	2,278	4.53
TOTAL	20,863	20,946	4.94	21,038	4.91
MON	20,863(A)			21,038(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Sep 2000 is estimated to be 31,213,000 down 1.13 percent from a week ago and up 2.22 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,570,000, last year 30,535,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	357	148.00-205.00	148-155	151.97
TENDERLOINS	205	200.00-255.00	-	222.80
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	33.00-48.00	-	34.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	501	25.50-28.00	26-27	26.16
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,150	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	98	65.00-69.00	65-67	66.20
WINGS (CUT)	410	80.00-99.00	-	83.62
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.75 - 49.00	47.58	50.26

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO:

IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI

WEEK OF 25-SEP-2000 TO 29-SEP-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00 - 165.00	140.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	59.00 - 92.00	66.00 - 72.00
LEGS	33.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 32.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	27.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	63.00 - 73.00	65.00 - 67.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 21.00	-
LIVERS	27.50 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-90
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	86-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	77
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	72
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-105
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	106-111
	ICE PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	94
	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS		149-165

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 22-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	

15% OR LESS

RANGE - - - - -

WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE 17.00-20.00 - 16.00 16.00

WTD AVERAGE 18.50 16.00 16.00

155,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE 15.00-19.00 17.00-22.00 11.00-15.00 14.00-15.50

WTD AVERAGE 17.00 19.50 11.99 14.68

1,188,200 pounds, this includes 448,800 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE - - - - -

WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were fair with scheduling adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
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AT FARM BUYER LOADING 3-10 5-7 6.56

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 22-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	

15% OR LESS

RANGE - - 17.00-18.00 -

WTD AVERAGE 17.54

520,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE 15.00-17.25 17.50-21.00 - 17.00

WTD AVERAGE 16.26 18.14 17.00

972,000 pounds, this includes 352,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE 13.00-17.00 17.00 13.00-14.00 14.00-15.00

WTD AVERAGE 15.80 17.00 13.50 14.33

1,262,000 pounds, this includes 302,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE - - - 12.75

WTD AVERAGE 12.75

200,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for offerings that were adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of canners were clearing easily but usually reported as still sufficient for needs. The market tone was mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-SEP-00

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 2.25-9.5 2.25-6 4.86

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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